

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (canceled )
2. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4,  
wherein the lateral defining surface (108, 110) of the groove-like constrictions  
(106) diverge from the intermediary strip (102) to the longitudinal sides of the wiper  
strip (100).
3. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 2,  
wherein one lateral defining surface (110) of the groove-like constrictions (106)  
has a spherical course, viewed in cross section.
4. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 2,  
wherein both lateral defining surfaces (108,110) of the groove-like constrictions  
(106) have a spherical course, viewed in cross section.
5. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4,  
wherein the wiper lip (101) is provided with a completely closed longitudinal  
conduit (118).
6. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4,  
wherein an air gap remains between the respective opposing longitudinal edges

(32) of the spring strips (28, 30) and the respectively adjacent longitudinal sides of the intermediary strip (102).

7. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4, wherein each spring strip (28, 30), at least with a central edge strip, protrudes from its groove-like constriction (106).

8. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4, wherein the two spring strips (28, 30) are embodied as separate components.

9. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4, wherein the two spring strips (28, 30) are connected to each other by at least two crosspieces (36, 38) disposed at their end sections, and in that each crosspiece has a middle section (42), which extends spaced a distance (44) apart from the upper band surface (11) of the spring strips, thus producing bridge-like crosspieces, where the distance (34) between the two longitudinal spring strips (28, 30) is less than the bridge width (46).

10. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 8, wherein the crosspieces (36, 38) are embodied as separate components and are affixed to the two spring strips (28,30).

11. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 9, wherein the crosspieces (36, 38) are attached to the upper band surfaces (11) of the two spring strips (28, 30).

12. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 9, wherein the length of the spring strips (28, 30) is greater than the length of the wiper strip (14 or 100).

13. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 9, wherein a crosspiece (36, 38) is disposed at least at each end section of the two associated spring strips (28, 30).

14. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 9, wherein a crosspiece disposed in the middle region of the two associated spring strips (28, 30) is embodied as part (16) of a connecting device (16) for connecting the wiper blade (10) to the wiper arm (18).

15. (previously presented) The wiper blade according to claim 13, wherein at least one of the two crosspieces (36, 38) disposed at one of the respective end sections of the spring strips (28, 30) has a stop (74), which is

connected to its middle section and partially covers the adjacent end of the wiper strip (14 or 100).

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The wiper blade according to claim 18 4, wherein the thickness (46 or 112) of an intermediary strip (52 or 102) provided between the two longitudinal grooves (54, 56, or 106) in the wiper strip (14 or 100) is smaller than the distance (34) between the adjacent longitudinal edges (32) of the two associated spring strips (28, 30).

18. (currently amended) A wiper blade (10) for windows, comprising:

an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), wherein said wiper strip can be placed against the window (22);

an elongated, spring-elastic support element, wherein said wiper strip is connected in a longitudinally parallel fashion to the elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), wherein the elongated, spring elastic support element has a connecting device (16) for a wiper arm (18) and has two band-like spring strips (28, 30), which are parallel to each other and are disposed in a plane spaced a distance (26) apart from the window (22) and wherein inner longitudinal edges (32) of the two band-like spring strips disposed close to each other are spaced a distance (34)

apart from each other, and the wiper strip, which has a uniform cross section over its longitudinal span, has a strip-like wiper lip (101), wherein the wiper lip can be placed against the window and wherein the wiper lip is connected to a covering strip (104) secured to the support element (12) by means of a narrow intermediary strip (102) that is formed by opposing groove-like constrictions (106), and wherein the spring strips secure the wiper strip,

wherein each of the two inner longitudinal edges (32) of the spring strips (28, 30) is disposed in one of the two groove-like constrictions (106) of the wiper strip (100), where wherein the width of the constriction grooves (106), at least over an outer partial region, is greater than the thickness of the spring strips (28, 30), wherein the two spring strips (28, 30) are connected to each other by at least two crosspieces (36, 38) disposed at their end sections, and ~~in that~~ wherein each crosspiece has a middle section (42), which extends spaced a distance (44) apart from the upper band surface (11) of the spring strips, thus producing bridge-like crosspieces, where wherein the distance (34) between the two longitudinal spring strips (28, 30) is less than the bridge width (46), and wherein each crosspiece (36, 38) disposed at the end sections of the two spring strips (28, 30) is provided with a covering cap (82) made of plastic.

19. (new) A wiper blade (10) for windows, comprising:

an elongated, rubber-elastic wiper strip (14), wherein said wiper strip can be placed against the window (22);

an elongated, spring-elastic support element, wherein said wiper strip is connected in a longitudinally parallel fashion to the elongated, spring-elastic support element (12), wherein the elongated, spring elastic support element has a connecting device (16) for a wiper arm (18) and has two band-like spring strips (28, 30), which are parallel to each other and are disposed in a plane spaced a distance (26) apart from the window (22) and wherein inner longitudinal edges (32) of the two band-like spring strips disposed close to each other are spaced a distance (34) apart from each other, and the wiper strip, which has a uniform cross section over its longitudinal span, has a strip-like wiper lip (101), wherein the wiper lip can be placed against the window and wherein the wiper lip is connected to a covering strip (104) secured to the support element (12) by means of a narrow intermediary strip (102) that is formed by opposing groove-like constrictions (106), and wherein the spring strips secure the wiper strip,

wherein each of the two inner longitudinal edges (32) of the spring strips (28, 30) is disposed in one of the two groove-like constrictions (106) of the wiper strip (100), wherein the two spring strips (28, 30) are connected to each other by

at least two crosspieces (36, 38) disposed at their end sections, and wherein each crosspiece has a middle section (42), which extends spaced a distance (44) apart from the upper band surface (11) of the spring strips, thus producing bridge-like crosspieces, wherein the distance (34) between the two longitudinal spring strips (28, 30) is less than the bridge width (46), and wherein each crosspiece (36, 38) disposed at the end sections of the two spring strips (28, 30) is provided with a covering cap (82) made of plastic.